

TRUE COMICS

WHEN THE LIVES OF MANY OTHER MEN WERE AT STAKE, COAST GUARDSMAN CHARLES DAVID REFUSED TO THINK OF HIS OWN SAFETY.

Shaw-Welch

IN THE FALL OF 1943, A COAST GUARD CUTTER IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC WAS RACING TO ANSWER A CALL FOR HELP.

ANY SIGN OF THE TORPEDOED TRANSPORT YET?

NO, BUT WE SHOULD BE SIGHTING THE SURVIVORS SOON.

I HOPE SO! A MAN CAN FREEZE TO DEATH IN THIS ICY WATER!

SURVIVORS SIGHTED! ALL HANDS STAND BY!

THE CREW OF THE CUTTER QUICKLY BEGAN PULLING THE HALF-FROZEN MEN OUT OF THE WATER.

SOME OF THE MEN OUT THERE HAVEN'T THE STRENGTH TO GET TO THE BOAT. I'M GOING AFTER THEM.

DAVID MUST HAVE RESCUED CLOSE TO A HUNDRED MEN. HE LOOKS EXHAUSTED. LET'S GET HIM TO REST AWHILE.

BETTER GO GET WARM, FELLOW!

I'M ALL RIGHT.

THEN WORD CAME THAT THE CUTTER'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER WAS IN DANGER OF DROWNING.

LT. ANDERSON'S GOING UNDER. SOMEBODY GET HIM!

I'LL GO!

WITH ALL THE SURVIVORS FINALLY ABOARD, THE CUTTER STARTED BACK TO PORT.

CAN'T THIS BOAT GO ANY FASTER? DAVID'S IN BAD SHAPE AND NEEDS A DOCTOR QUICKLY.

DESPITE EXCELLENT MEDICAL CARE, DAVID DIED OF PNEUMONIA. ON JUNE 20, 1944, THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL WAS PRESENTED TO HIS WIDOW.

CHARLES DAVID'S GREAT COURAGE AND UNSELFISH PERSEVERANCE WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.